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accordance with detection of an amount of data transmission on a TCP connection exceeding a limit.—.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 34 through 53 are pending, with Claims 34, 39, 43 through 48, and 53 being independent. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 34 through 53 have been added.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any questions remain, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative, John T. Whelan, at (301) 428-7172.

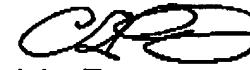
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached at (301) 428-7172. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

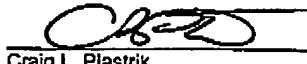
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I hereby certify that this Second Preliminary Amendment (7 pages, including attached Amendment Transmittal Letter) is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 26, 2002.


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